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**MEMORANDUM FOR: Military Representative of the President**

**The Deputy Under Secretary of State for  
Political Affairs**

**The Deputy Secretary of Defense**

**SUBJECT: Forecast of CIA Air Activities for  
October 1961**

**1. Attached is a listing of planned CIA air activities for  
the month of October 1961, including scheduled Discoverer shots.**

**2. Although three Discoverer firings were scheduled for  
the month of September, only two were accomplished. The CORONA  
shot scheduled for 8 September was launched on 12 September and  
successfully recovered on 14 September. The CORONA shot  
scheduled for 15 September was launched on 17 September. Orbit  
was obtained but recovery was not successful due to malfunction.  
The ARGON shot scheduled for 28 September was redesignated a  
CORONA shot and has slipped to 13 October due to fuel flow problems.**

**(Signed) Richard M. Bissell, Jr.**

**RICHARD M. BISSELL, Jr.  
Deputy Director  
(Plans)**

**Attachment  
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